

Remarks

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1-3, 12, 15-18 and 27 stand rejected. Claims 4-11, 13, 14, 19-26, 28 and 29 were found to include allowable subject matter, but were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claims. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 16. Claims 2-4, and 17-19 have been canceled. Dependent claims 5, 6, 9, 11, 20, 21, 24, and 26 have been amended. The Applicants hereby respond to the Office action as follows:

Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 12, 15-18 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bloodworth et al. (US 2005/0105204 A1). Examiner found claims 4-11, 13, 14, 19-26, 28 and 29 to include allowable subject matter, but objected to it as being dependent upon rejected claims. The Applicants acknowledge the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner. The Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the essential recitations of claim 4 and any intervening claims. Likewise, the Applicants have amended independent claim 16 to incorporate the essential recitations of claim 19 and any intervening claims. As such, independent claims 1 and 16 should be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1, 5-16, and 20-29.

No additional fees are believed due. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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